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VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - Volleyball action continues to go on through the St. Paul Athletic Association, but this past weekend, F.G. Miller also hosted a tournament. Here, F. G. Miller's Junior Varsity boys take on Myrnam in the final of their three-team tournament, which also included the Glen Avon Panthers. Myrnam teams won both this final and the girls' final over St. Jerome's, with the FGM team knocked out in preliminary play. The Junior Varsity games were played at Elk Point Elementary School. For more coverage of the volleyball tournament, see page 3.

Third doctor one step closer to Elk Point

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Health Care Centre site manager Kristen Peleshok told last week's meeting of the Elk Point and District Interagency Health and Wellness Committee that the long-awaited third doctor has been "approved as of today" for a three month assessment process where he will work under another doctor before being given the go-ahead to set up a practice in Elk Point. Dr. Majeed, along with his wife, who is a dentist, and their four children have visited Elk Point and are "so excited" to be moving to the community, Peleshok said. In the interim, a locum is willing to come on weekends so Elk Point will be well taken care of.

Nursing staff is "good in all departments," Peleshok said. "The cross training works great." She added that there "has been some shuffling in the region because of the investment in home care. We got an increase for healthcare aides." She has had "tons of applicants" for open positions on the staff and is interviewing this week, she said. "We have a good team, and people waiting in the wings in the casual pool." There are also many new grads applying for LPN positions. Application has been made for a locum RN to cover anticipated holidays and leaves. A staff appreciation lunch is planned for early November for all the Health Care staff.

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Veterans to be honoured on Canada's 150th birthday

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's 2017 Canada Day committee heard last week that plans are well underway to honour this area's Canadian Armed Forces veterans, as they lead the parade on a special float.

The parade play an important part of this month's committee meeting agenda, with Diane Pfeifer of Elk Point Community Lions noting that the parade route needs more barricades and volunteers that will make sure the barricades stay in place until the parade has passed those points on the route. More volunteers are also needed to help with judging parade entries. It was suggested

that as each entry arrives at the parade lineup, it would receive a card showing which judging category it is in.

A number of details have already been taken care of, with fireworks, an illusionist and impressionist who will be the afternoon main stage performer, along with a clown and balloon artist, a face painter and several bouncy houses for the Kids' Fun Zone already booked well in advance. There is a chance that some funding may be available for the bouncy houses through a local organization, the committee learned.

The pancake breakfast will remain at the library, with the Friends of the Library turning down the offer to hold it at the arena, noting that their location

is close to the parade, which follows the breakfast on the schedule.

Whether business vendors will be located in the arena or outdoors is still a question, and may remain that way until much closer to Canada Day, when the organizers see what the response is from vendors.

Food vendors will also be invited to park in designated spaces on the grounds north of the arena and near the Canada Day stage.

Research is still underway into what special attractions for the teens and older youngsters will join the list, and the possibility of including the 4-H Multi Club Achievement Day in the program will be determined when the

final membership count is in, with more members needed to continue as a club.

The talent show that will take the place of the Canada Day Idol will be billed as the "Famous in a Small Town Talent Competition." Organizers agreed that the competition will have just one winner, and that winner will have his or her name placed on a large and much sought-after trophy that will be displayed year after year.

The committee is currently looking for groups interested raising funds for their organization by running the afternoon beer garden, providing dinner and running an evening dance. Interested groups may contact recreation@elk-point.ca

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County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS representative Terry Shankowski reported good attendance at the seniors benefit update at Heritage Lodge, with the information provided at that event available at the FCSS office. The annual Seniors Festival will be in St. Paul at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre on Nov. 22 this year, and will have bus transportation available from Elk Point. Shankowski said she is the contact person for families wishing to apply for the Santas Anonymous Christmas hampers, a program coordinated by the Elk Point Community Lions. FCSS will also be participating in Elk Point's Christmas

IHC president Margaret Modin said the seniors are back into their regular activities, and the centre has "lots of bookings for the next couple of months." The Seniors' Christmas Dinner is coming up on Dec. 11 at the Seniors' Recreation Centre.

Review Contributor

"Basically, this is their opportunity, for all stakeholders including parents . . . to have their say on how curriculum is redesigned in all of the subject areas," said St. Paul Education Regional Division chair Heather Starosielski, noting the redesign will be for Kindergarten to Grade 12, in six subjects - arts, language arts, math, social studies, science, and health - with the review and updates happening in both official languages

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SOLID PLAY - F. G. Miller Crusaders won all four matches in preliminary play at their five-team Junior High Volleyball tournament, losing only one set to Mallaig. They met up with Mallaig again in the final, defeating them solidly in two sets.

Curling season set to get underway

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It's that time of year again to get fired up for curling. Workers are set to fire the plant up on October 27th and if all goes well, Elk Point curling enthusiasts will be curling in early November. However, to get the curling season going, organizers need to know who will have a team and who will be able to help out on Dec. 3 by serving a bar shift for the Oilmen's Big Buck event. Organizers were also looking to have a work bee today, Oct. 25, to get the rink prepped for the ice and to clean-up, and were hoping to get as many hands out to help as possible. Organizers are asking for people to please spread the word to people who may be interested in curling as a group or singles. For more information or to offer to help or express an interest in curling, people can email tywarawa@telusplanet.net.

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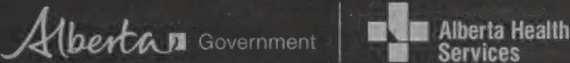
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St. Paul Co-op welcomes a new manager for the Elk Point store

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The new manager at St. Paul and District Co-op's Elk Point store feels right at home - he was here during his training for a management position, helping former manager Mark Gormley, who is now the Eastalta Co-op manager in Wainwright, with setting up shelves and displays after last year's massive expansion and renovation.

"That gave me a chance to get to know the staff, so this is like coming home again," says Bob Ellacott, as he becomes a store manager for the first time, finding the new role "really great. People are friendly and I couldn't ask for a better place to work. It's a world-class store."

Ellacott has been part of St. Paul and District Co-op for eight years, and started his Co-op career as a clerk in St. Paul. "I was hired by Dwayne Odgaard, who has been a good mentor over the years. He stops in to see me now and then," he added. Odgaard, formerly

the Elk Point store manager, is now Co-op's Petroleum Division Manager. Regarding yesterday's vote on the merger between St. Paul and District Co-op and Eastalta Co-op, Ellacott

feels that move would not only benefit the members of both cooperatives, but would show that the two were "looking forward to the future for the next generation as well as our own."



BOB ELLACOTT is the new manager of Elk Point's branch of the St. Paul and District Co-Op.



COYOTE / WOLF REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The County of St. Paul No. 19 will be reinstating the

Coyote/Wolf Reduction Incentive Program for the 2016/2017 Winter Season.



The County will pay an incentive of \$15.00 per Coyote and \$75.00 per Wolf harvested during the period from November 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

(Please note that this Program may terminate at an earlier date than the March 31, 2017 deadline, subject to budget limitations and/or abuse of the Program.)

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Only whole, unskinned animals are accepted for payment; pelts are not eligible for payment. To qualify for the Incentive Program Payment, arrangements must be made with Agricultural Service Board Staff prior to bringing the Coyotes/Wolves in for the payment, to assure there is someone available to deal with the carcasses.

Please contact Keith Kornelsen, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman or Warren Leister, ASB Field Officer at the Public Works Shop, Phone 780-645-3006 to arrange for an appointment or for more information.

EDITORIAL

Halloween Frolic will be missed

Planning and carrying out a hugely popular community event is a task for a large and dedicated group of volunteers, and it seems like Elk Point's volunteer pool has run dry, at least in the case of the Halloween Family Frolic.

This is an event the community has enjoyed for the last number of years, with whole families getting dressed up in zany costumes and coming out to enjoy a whole evening of fun. It was no doubt fun for the organizing committee, as well, but along with the fun came a whole lot of time and effort on their behalf.

Time is something you can't just get more of when you need it, and for the event organizers of recent years, many of whom have young families, there probably just isn't enough time to do one more thing. Money is also tight, and donations are nowhere near as easy to obtain as they have been in more plentiful times.

So, it's back to trick-and-treating, house parties and pumpkin carving at the library. Sometimes, it just takes a break from what we've come to take for granted to get a new group of volunteers on board.

In the meantime, have fun and stay safe!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

United Church facing closure

Dear Editor,

Despite efforts of dedicated members, the Elk Point United Church faces imminent closure. At one time a vibrant part of the community, the church has faced dwindling membership, leading to the possibility of disbanding the congregation. However, there is still hope if the community gets involved.

Currently, the church celebrates its Sunday worship services under the leadership of retired clergy and lay people, and on the first Sunday of each month participates in services at Heritage Lodge and Parkview Extended Care. But there is a shortage of people in the pews each week.

The church has been a spiritual centre, celebrating marriages and commemorating deaths, as well as a cultural centre, maintaining traditions and bringing people together, but it cannot survive on just special events. It's the regular worship and fellowship that truly serves the church's function to provide spiritual guidance and to develop the sense of belonging.

It's sad and unnecessary for this institution of the community to disappear. The church board believes that there are community members interested in reviving the church, but their interest needs to be shared with the board. Whether it's for historical, nostalgic, or spiritual reasons, conversations about the church need to happen, and the church board needs to be aware of the community's views.

Anyone can talk to any member of the church board, attend the Sunday service this week at 10:30 a.m., or contact Shirley Kvill (780 943-3338), Diana Anderson (780 724-4270), Donna Chamberland (780 724-2422), or Sandie Bishop (780 724-3245) to share feelings and concerns about the potential closure of Elk Point United Church. Feedback is required by November 6 so the board can discuss the ideas and input that has been brought forward.

Sincerely,

Elk Point United Church Congregation

WAY BACK WHEN...

Election turnovers, 70 years for United Church, Centennial plans

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24 IN...

1986

There was a high voter turnout and high turnover across the board in the 1986 general election, as Byron Mann defeated Ed Buck for mayor, Allan Frankiw, Marshall Kachmar, Sandy Giffen and Steve Shmyr joined incumbents Alvina Schuhmacher and Steve Stepaniuk on town council, and John Hutton defeated incumbent John Zenko in Division 2 of the County of St. Paul, while Division 1 councillor Bob Smith retained his seat.

1991

Councillor Adele Mandryk told Town Council that a new and more suitable site at the north entrance to Elk Point had been found for the soon-to-be-erected Peter Fidler statue, rather than the originally planned location south of the railway tracks along Highway 41. Hockey fans were glad to hear that the Elk Point Elks senior hockey team was back in the SaskAlta League after a one year absence.

1996

Elk Point United Church celebrated 70 years in the community at a special service, which included special music including a commemorative song from the Elk Point Community Choir and the sharing of many memories of years gone by. Town Council sold the final serviced lot in the industrial subdivision, leaving them with only tow large, unserved parcels available to buyers.

2001

Sharil Baumgardner won the tiebreaking draw to take the Division 2 councillor's chair on County council, after she and rival candidate Tom Kurek each received 133 votes. The 64 per cent 'yes' vote for a

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municipally-regulated regulated trail along the abandoned CN rail line was termed "premature" by Reeve Robert Bouchard, who noted that the county had not yet signed a deal on the property.

2006



FORT GEORGE AND BUCKINGHAM HOUSE Advisory Board chair Donna Chamberland and Friends of the Forts president Dennis Jasinsky (left) updated Minister of Community Development Denis Ducharme (right) and MLA Ray Danyluk on the progress being made toward enhancement of the fur trade historic sites.

The prospect of helping to plan Elk Point's biggest birthday party ever has kindled enthusiasm with local groups, and more than 20 eager volunteers, representing a wide range of organizations, attended a Canada Day/Centennial Celebrations Committee meeting.

2011

Elk Point Public Works department won the Alberta Recycling 2011 Collection Site of Excellence award when Elk Point was chosen from among 240 collection sites in communities under 5,000 population. After seven years of alternating lunchtime and evening meetings for the Chamber of Commerce, the group decided to go back to the original lunchtime-only format, as evening meetings no longer increased attendance.

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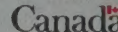
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Bengals head to championships

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Contributor

It was a pitched battle with fans cheering both sides on loudly, as St. Paul's Bengals welcomed the Bonnyville Bandits to home field on Saturday afternoon. The Bandits and Bengals traded points on the scoreboard, but in the end, it was the Bengals who would come out on top, 28 - 26, punching their ticket to the Wheatland Football League's bantam championships.

Third-year veteran Jayden Duchesne notes he has not been to the championship yet, but his older brother was part of the squad when they last competed for the league title, back in 2010. Matching that success, was, in one word - "Amazing," said Duchesne, who scored two TDs for the team in the game.

"Bonnyville played very good in the first quarter," he said, adding the game was close throughout the battle. "We lucked out with our defense in the end."

Bonnyville had lost to the Bengals earlier



Margaret Bayduza photo

The Bengals won their matchup with the Bonnyville Bandits' last Saturday afternoon, 28 - 26, and next take on the Lloydminster Mustangs in the bantam league's final, this Saturday.

in the season, but both teams improved over the year, and coach Travis Rolheiser noted the Bandits came on field with a fierce determination to avenge their earlier loss.

"They gave us all we could handle - they're a very good football team."

The two teams traded touchdowns, but St. Paul would connect with two of its kicks for extra points, while Bonnyville missed, making for the 28 - 26 score that gave the Bengals the win.

Bonnyville's fans shouted foul over calls, and got increasingly angry as the last minute or so of play ran down without the clock stopping, leading to the Bandits no opportunity for a last

minute comeback play. The fans began arguing with the referees, leading to a very heated end to the game, even as the players were shaking hands and heading off the field.

However, Bandits coach Mickey Fagnan said he didn't have a problem with the refereeing, adding, "It looked fair to me."

In the end, the Bengals were able to run one particular play consistently well to gain yardage and employed blocks that shut down the Bandits, while the Bandits were unable to "ante up" with the kicks that would have made the difference, said Fagnan. However, he said he was happy with the game as

a "good way to end" the season.

"We wanted to come out and battle and we did."

The difference-maker, Duchesne felt was - "We wanted it more in the end."

Now, he felt the team has to focus on getting faster, improving blocking and defense, as it prepares to face the Lloydminster Mustangs. The Mustangs team has gone undefeated this season and will pose the Bengals' biggest test of a stellar season. The game takes place on Saturday at 1 p.m. on St. Mary's field, with a championship title and a chance for play in provincials in the offing.

RECREATION CORNER

Amazing turnout for Pickleball

recreation@elkpoint.ca
Review Contributor

There was an amazing turnout at Pickleball on Thursday evening. Around 35 people filled the Elementary School gym to try the sport that's been taking over North America.



Rob Barrett, Zone 7 ambassador for Pickleball Alberta (above) donated his time to teach the enthusiastic crowd the ins and outs of the sport. The first lesson was where the name came from. The game was developed during a family gathering, where a family was looking for something everyone could play. They made their own paddles and fashioned a net lower than a badminton net and away they went, playing with a wiffle ball. However, the family dog,

Pickles, would chase after the ball like crazy every time it was hit across the net. Hence the name was formed: Pickleball. Which just adds to the fun of the game, which is similar to tennis with a smaller court, so less running around chasing the ball!

If you weren't able to come out last Thursday, please come

check it out on Oct. 27. The Elementary School is booked from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., pop in any time to check it out. As for the returnees, I would like ideas on how you'd like to see the club grow and how to play with so many attendees.

Some ideas: 1. Have half the people assigned to 7:30 to 8:30 and the other half 8:30 to 9:30

2. Everyone signs in when coming in and rotate through games and courts throughout the two hours. Email recreation@elkpoint.ca if you have any ideas or if you'd like to take charge of the club! You can also call/text Jena 7802075898 to talk Pickleball!

Check us out next week - we will have the pictures of the Scarecrows!



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Elk Point Oilmen's

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It's getting spooky at the library!

DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

Elk Point Municipal Library may just be the spookiest place in town this week. Not only do we have a headless horseman, borrowed from Washington Irving's 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' guarding our front door, there's a long faced, cadaverous butler in our front entry way. It's all part of our Halloween fun, and we want you to get in on the action.

Join our **Pumpkin Carving Contest!**

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anyone needing assistance with applications or paperwork. Call the library for more information at 780-724-3737.

Come for coffee!

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and make your coffee count! It's the annual Alzheimer Society Coffee Break, and we will be serving up some yummy treats to go along with regular and specialty coffees. The November Library Tea is combined with this year's Coffee Break, so make sure to stop by and enjoy good conversation while you support the Alzheimer Society.

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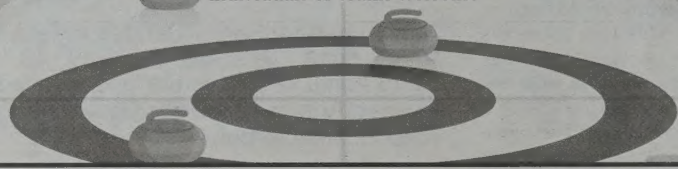
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PEEWEE BATTLE - The Avalanche welcomed Plamondon to home ice over the weekend for a tough-fought season opener. Despite a last-minute attempt by the Avalanche to tie up the game by pulling goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk to try and force a tie, Plamondon would capitalize by notching an empty-net goal to win by two goals 10 - 8.

A.G. Ross Arena opens up to host minor hockey season clashes

The pendulum was swinging back and forth for the very first game of the season played in the A. G. Ross Arena this past Saturday, when the Pee wee Avalanche were hosting Plamondon in the season opener. The final score was not in favor of the Avalanche, with Plamondon winning 10 to 8, but that included a goal which was scored into the empty net in the last minute after coach Robyn Moroziuk called a time out and pulled his son, the goalie, Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk, adding another skater up front and trying desperately to tie the game.



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The Avalanche started the game in the hole, down two goals, but it wasn't very long before they bounced right back and by the end of the second period were winning 7 to 6. Plamondon came on strong like gang-busters in the third, scoring three, plus the empty netter, with the Avalanche only scoring one goal in the third plus a few goal posts that don't count in hockey.

Close only counts in horseshoes, but you could say some goalies can have horseshoes up where the sun doesn't shine!

It doesn't appear to me that 'Mic Jager' Fontaine has missed a beat, after stepping up into pee wee league as a rookie from the Atoms. With the slick 'Mic' still doing the two step, he scored a double hat trick, six goals, plus an assist.

Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski, another rookie who looked absolutely 'Magnificent', scored the other two goals.

Kobe 'the Cobra' Warawa, Ceajay Quinney and Josef 'Red' Theriault with two assists each, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman and "Bazooka Joey" Cardinal with an assist each. Overall, it was not a bad game at all for the first year guys; in fact the whole team looks like they should be able to compete this year in tier two of the Northeast league.

It was pretty quiet in the Midget dressing room before the game on Saturday night against Wainwright. Usually after the game, the boys can be a little sober, but this is the first time I have witnessed a team so quiet before a game. Usually they are joking around a bit or goofing off, but not this time. The boys were all dressed in plenty of time, with still 30 minutes to game time, sitting thinking about the task at hand and not too much else when new head coach Gerry Kjenner entered the room for his pre game speech.

The press exited the room at that time, but it might have been interesting to sit and listen in. I bet there were a few butterflies for some of the younger guys



playing in their first midget game. It's tough out there in the battlefield, but that didn't seem to affect one of the littlest players in the league, rookie Nick 'Sparky' Anderson who lit up the scoreboard first with a beauty of a goal on a breakaway, with Rookie D Man Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage feeding him the stretch pass. 'Sparky' has the wheels and the hands to finish the job.

Big monster Brody 'the Big O' Odgaard had the only other goal for the Avalanche in the second period assisted by Christian 'Wheels' Castle -Wasson and 'Warrior Warren' Ference. The game was still well within reach at the end of 40 minutes, the score only 4 to 2 for Wainwright, but that was it for the Avalanche as far as scoring.

For the rest of the game, they played reasonable well but couldn't seem to find the back of the net even though they fired 33 shots. Our goalie, Spencer 'Fortress' Hardcastle, faced 42 shots, giving the Avalanche a really good chance for a comeback. This coming Friday at 8 p.m., the midgets will be hosting Kikino.

There's nothing better than getting a little payback from a team that defeated you for the league championship banner last year. The Bantam Avalanche did just that and a whole lot more.

Last year in North East Alberta league's final round, Provost beat our guys out to win the banner. On Sunday down in Provost, the Bantams played like a runaway train with no brakes. The game train starting out chugging slow, with 'Danny Boy' Cardinal getting on the board first, Provost would answer with their own, then 'Silent Sam' made it 2 to 1, then 'King Cole' Bendixen scored, as the train started to build momentum now, Matthew Quinney next, then 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage, the score 5 to 2 after the

second. With the third period, it really started to gain speed, 'Lightning Liam' with two more, 'Silent Sam' with another, Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow with one and Jaden 'Jetstream' Van Maarion capping it off ... 10 to 3 the final for the Avalanche. How's that for a little payback!

And congratulation going out the St. Paul Bengals football team players that are also among the Bantam Avalanche team. They played Bonnyville on Saturday winning by two points and sending them to the league final this coming weekend against the Lloydminster Mustangs. Charlie 'the Angel' Rogal, 'Hank the Tank' Rogal, 'Silent Sam' Henderson and 'Danny Boy' Cardinal are all off the Lloydminster next Saturday to play in the Wheatland League final with the winner of that game going on to the provincial finals. Pee wee Avalanche player Odin 'the Wall' Smith is also on the Bengals team. Good luck next weekend Bengals!

The Atom Avalanche, coached by James Capjack were on the road up in Bonnyville on Sunday playing in their first game of the year, starting the year off right, coming home with a big 4 to 2 win. 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras with two goals, Cash 'CC' Capjack and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron with one each.

And how about the 'Marksman' Mark Letestu. Did you happen to see his shorthanded goal in the Heritage Classic on Sunday and his interview after the period about playing outside all night down at the Salt Plant rink in Lindbergh. I remember going there a lot of times too with the boys when it was bitter cold. What do you think, do we need some boards on our rink beside the spray park?

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take." Last week's answer to "Every day is a great day for hockey." - Mario Lemieux